V. *Part of a Letter from Mr.* Aubry, *F. R. S. Dated* Feb 24. 169⅚. *to Sir* John Hoskyns, *V. P. of the R. S. Concerning a Medicated Spring in* Glamorganſhire.

IN *Lancarim* (the next Pariſh) is a Medicated Spring, much frequented from ſeveral Counties, time out of Mind, for the Kings Evil. There is a Rill of about an Ell broad between Two Collines, covered with Wood; about Twelve Yards from this Spring, the Rill falls from a Rock Eight or Nine Foot high, which makes a grateful Noiſe; the Spring (which is exceeding clear) comes out of a pure White Marle, I thought there had been no White Marle in *Wales*, for the Earth is Red. Above this Spring (about a Yard broad and deep) ſpreads an old Oak with Hoary Moſs; on the Boughs whereof Two Crutches. A Graduate Doctor hereabout imputes the Vertue of this Spring to the Lime Stone, and ſays one of the chief Ingredients of the Doctors, for the Kings Evil, is Lime-Water.

VI. *Several Obſervations in the North Iſlands of* Scotland. *Communicated to the Royal Society by Mr.* Martin Martin.

1. ALL Tribes of Fowls are obſerved to have their Sentinels, eſpecially in the Night, the Watchfulneſs of the Scart is true to a Proverb; I have known one, who by ſurprizing the Sentinel, catched Three Hundred in a Night.

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2. The want of Rain at the uſual time of laying Eggs, hinders the Sea Fowls from laying for ſome time.

3. If the *April* Moon goes far in *May*, it hinders the Sea Fowls from laying Ten or Twelve Days longer than is ordinary.

4. A poor Man of *Rowdil*, in the Iſle *Harries*, notarily known by the Name of St. *Clements Blind*, though his Sight ſerved him to travel alone through all *Harries*, *Skie*, *&c.* yet he was ſtruck blind (which confin'd him to his Bed) Two Days before the New Moon, at which Inſtant he recovers his Sight; in this he never err'd once in his Life time, for which he was called the *Infallible Almanack.*

5. The Children of *Ferintoſh* in *Roſs*, are taught from their Infancy to drink *Aquavitæ*, and are obſerved never have any Worms.

6. Many in the Highlands, who pretend not to any Skill in Chirurgery, do venter to cut the *Uvula* off when they are troubled with it, and preſcribe for a Remedy, thereafter a Piece of Bread and Cheeſe, which is attended with good Succeſs, without hindring the Speech.

7. In many of the Iſles, the Commons apply *Speare-wort* for Pains of the Head; it being bruiſed and applied, it raiſes a Bliſter from which iſſues much Matter, and this they find very effectual for Pains in Eyes, Head, Arm or Leg.

8. They do likewiſe beat the Juice out of it, which they drink for Purging, which they do frequently with good Succeſs, and to prevent Excoriation of the Throat, they drink a little melted Freſh butter.

9. *Anna George*, who continued in the State of Virginity till the One and Fiftieth Year of her Age (as is and

evident by her Declaration on her Death Bed) married and brought forth a Boy in the Two and Fiftieth Year of her Age, having Two Teeth in his Head.

10. Another Woman in *Lewis*, was Seven Years bringing forth a Child Bone after Bone, and all by the Fundament.

11. A Boy in the Iſle of *Skie*, Aged Sixteen Years, has a Faculty of erecting his Ears at his Pleaſure. There are ſeveral Towns in *Skie*, where the Sheep have no Marrow, all theſe Towns are Rocky, High, and very Windy.

12. The Inhabitants of St. *Kilda*, are every Summer infected with a Cough upon the Chamberlans Landing, which laſts for Ten or Twelve Days, and the uſual Remedy for it is Giben drunk upon Brochan of Meal and Water. This Giben is the Fat of Sea Fowls preſerved in the Stomach, a ſove-raign Remedy for Coughs and Green Wounds.

VII. *A Letter of Dr.* Wallis, *Dated* Oxford, Sept. 6. 1697. *Containing ſome Additions to his Letter about Thunder and Lightning, and a Correction of his* 109*th* Cap. *of his Algebra.*

I Find that in your Tranſactions *Numb.* 231. for the Month of *Auguſt*, you have Printed my Letter of *July* 26. If it had not been too late, I would have added, That, when I ſaid, *A Mixture of Sulphur and Filings*